FISCAL NOTE

HB 2163 - SB 2217

January 26, 2000

SUMMARY OF BILL: Provides that local governments may not grant franchises to cable television companies, cable television systems, or municipal electric systems providing cable television unless the franchise agreement includes an option for customers to select only those stations or channels the customer desires. Authorizes the franchising authority to regulate the rates and charges for installation or maintenance of the necessary equipment to accomplish such selections.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Decrease State Revenues - Exceeds \$100,000

Decrease Local Govt. Revenues - Exceeds \$100,000

Increase Local Govt. Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000 / Permissive

Estimate assumes:

- cable companies and local municipal electric systems may elect not to provide cable services due to additional costs necessary to provide cable selection equipment resulting in decreased state and local tax revenues currently collected on cable services. Such decreases are estimated to be significant.
- increased costs to municipal electric systems operating cable systems that elect to continue offering cable service for the costs associated with acquiring and installing the necessary equipment. This increase is estimated to be significant.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

James A. Davenport, Executive Director

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